GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:785
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2002
DECENTRALISED PROCUREMENT OF FOODGRAINS
VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any representation from the State of Keralaregarding decentralized procurement of foodgrains in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SH KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Government of Kerala has represented to the Central Governmentthat it is not in a position to adopt the scheme of decentralized procurement as it is a food deficit State. This stand was indicated by the State Government in the conference of Chief Ministers held on 21.5.2001 and was reiterated in the 4th meeting of the Standing Committee ofUnion Ministers and State Chief Ministers held on 23.2.2002 at New Delhi.

(c): The Scheme of Decentralized Procurement is voluntary in nature and is not imposed on any State Government.The State Government has been informed of this position already and the requisite allocation of foodgrains to the State Government are being made as usual from the Central Pool stocks.